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SUBJ: GSP IMPLEMENTATION

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1. EMBASSY COMMATT TODAY PARTICIPATED IN UNCTAD SEMINAR ON
US GSP SPONSORED BY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (REFS A AND B).

2. R.N. MARRA, FORMER U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL, WAS PART OF UNCTAD
TEAM VISITING SINGAPORE. HIS ABILITY TO ANSWER TECHNICAL CUSTOMS
QUESTIONS WAS MOST APPRECIATED BY AUDIENCE OF 150 INTERESTED
SINGAPORE BUSINESSMEN.

3. MAJOR PROBLEM DISCUSSED AT SESSION WAS VAGUENESS OF TERM
"SUBSTANTIALLY TRANSFORMED" AS USED 19 CFR PART 10, PARA 10.177(A)(2)

THIS WILL BE CONTINUING PROBLEM, IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER
RAW MATERIAL PROCESSING AND ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN SINGAPORE.

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STRONG LOCAL BUSINESS INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION WAS EVIDENT

IN QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION. EXAMPLES OF PROCESSING QUESTIONS INCLUDED LOGS INTO VENEER, SEEDS INTO OLEORESINS, AND PEPPER GRINDING. ASSEMBLY TYPE OF QUESTIONS INCLUDED USE OF IMPORTED CASTINGS IN MACHINE MANUFACTURE, AND ELECTRONIC PARTS IN DESK CALCULATORS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR INTERPRETATION OF "SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION" QUESTION.

5. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING STATUS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAMPHLET PER REFTELS C AND D. HOLDRIDGE

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